

China Eastern reactivates all aircraft based in Shanghai

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Tokyo : While China's aviation industry was the first to suffer from the coronavirus pandemic a year ago, aggressive lockdowns and travel restrictions have enabled its airlines to resume travel and restore routes at a faster pace. One of the nation's largest carriers, China Eastern Airlines, recently achieved a major milestone, claiming that its grounded aircraft fleet in Shanghai is now at zero.

While the airline has operations out of the two main airports in Shanghai - Hongqiao (SHA) and Pudong (PVG), it was unspecified which Shanghai base had ungrounded all of its aircraft.

According to reports, there are still a few jets 'parked' at both of the Shanghai airports. However, although now listed as parked, the jets had been flying as recently as February.

Regardless of the specific airport, the news is a general indication that the country's aviation market is continuing to recover.

Reports said that China Eastern's average daily passenger flight volume has now recovered to approximately 2,400. However, a surge is expected in the coming weeks, with the Qingming Festival taking place in April and May Day (Labor Day) holidays the month after.

The carrier reports that it has plans to add flights for this anticipated surge. The

increased services will support travel between cities like Beijing, Guangzhou, and Chengdu.